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Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. Nos. 3700.4 and 8, 3716.48/1 and 2, 3717.00/1, 3717.20/1, W.P. 1648/1 - 4 and 1720/1.

1. At the opening of the second round of discussion, the UNITED STATES Delegation explained that, while their basic views on this item remained unchanged, they were nevertheless willing, in a spirit of compromise, to agree to its deletion from embargo if in this way Committee action were made unanimous. They would not, however, be able to envisage the deletion of cobalt metal from Item 1648. They trusted that, with the release of cobalt compounds, a satisfactory, long-term solution would thus have been found to the overall cobalt problem.

2. The GERMAN Delegation, who had given no final views during the first round of discussion, were in favour of relaxing the controls on cobalt compounds and were therefore also able to agree to their deletion from embargo.

3. All Delegations were thus able to accept the Belgian proposal. The BELGIAN Delegation thanked the German and United States Delegations for their favourable replies.

CONCLUSION : The COMMITTEE agreed to delete Item 1720 from International List I.

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